

BEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

January 17, 2023

Meeting location:

**LGI Room
and Telecast remotely via ZOOM**

1. Call to Order

At 7:04 PM, Mr. Morrison called to order the meeting of the Bedford School Committee. Other members present included Ms. Scoville, Mr. Brosgol, Ms. Guay, Mr. Morrison, Ms. Mehta-Green, and Hanscom Representative Sarah McGinley

2. Public Comment

Erica Callahan

3 Woodmoore Drive

Ms. Callahan asked for clarification on budget line items 50/51 and 93/94 of the budget. Ms. Callahan raised concerns about budgeting for literacy programs such as Lucy Calkins and Fountas and Pinnell. Ms. Callahan feels that the continued use of these programs is not beneficially to the elementary level students. Ms. Callahan also questioned if decodable textbooks were included in the literacy budget items.

Brian

Shawsheen Tech

Mr. Brian thanked Mr. Conrad and Mr. Hartunian for taking eighth grade students to Shawsheen last week for a tour learning about the offering Shawsheen has to offer. It is a wonderful partnership between the schools. Because of the opportunity, Shawsheen has noticed an increase in application from Bedford students that may want to enroll next year.

3. Gifts and Grants

Mr. Conrad presented to the School Committee a listing and brief description of all gifts and donations that were made to Bedford Public Schools. Mr. Conrad thanked everyone for their generosity on behalf the district.

Donor	Amount
Bedford Education Association Gift for Davis second grade Literacy initiative	\$250
Nellie Mae Employee directed gift (former METCO student)	\$5,000
Genzyme Gift for Women in Science Student Activity	\$5,000
Essex Community Foundation SEL	\$55,000
Lueders Environment	\$75

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The School Committee approves the request to accept the discussed gifts and donations to the Bedford Public Schools.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville
MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

4. DEI Statement- 2nd read & revote

Mr. Conrad briefly addressed the School Committee regarding the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement (DEI) Mr. Conrad apologized for bring the topic to the committee for the third time but minor corrections needed to be made which require a revote to reflect the change. Mr. Conrad gave a brief description of the changes and the committee voted.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The School Committee agrees to endorse the new Bedford DEI Statement**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville
MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

5. 2023-2024 District Calendar update & revote

Mr. Conrad had to ask the School Committee to take a revote on the SY23 District calendar due to the previous vote accepting a 181-day student calendar, which was incorrect.

Ms. Mehta-Green made the following motion: **The School Committee agrees accept SY23 District calendar as presented.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville
MOTION APPROVED 4-1-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	No
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

6. FY24 Budget Line Item Review

Ms. Kirrane presented the School Committee with a line-by-line accounting for the proposed FY24 Budget. During her presentation, Ms. Kirrane explained the some of the increases that were shown were simply due to supply and demand and cost of inflation in services and goods. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ms. Kirrane fielded questions and gave more context on certain line items to committee members.

7. Superintendent Report

Mr. Conrad shared the following details during his Superintendent report to the School Committee. Mr. Conrad sent Condolences to families of two former employees Bob Wall and John Laugh on behalf the district and the School Committee. Fabric recycling bins- thank you to everyone that has donated thus far. Superintendent's search is ahead of schedule. More details will be coming soon as to the next steps in the process.

8. Minutes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The School Committee agrees to accept the draft minutes from the December 6, 2022 meeting.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **The School Committee agrees to accept the draft meeting minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes
Mr. Morrison	Yes

9. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol made the following motion: **10:36 PM to adjourn into executive session for purpose the meeting not to reopen to the public.**

MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Scoville

MOTION APPROVED 5-0-0

Ms. Guay	Yes
Ms. Scoville	Yes
Mr. Brosgol	Yes

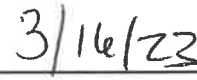
Mr. Morrison	Yes
Ms.Mehta-Green	Yes

Exhibits/Documents

Gifts and Grants
DEI Statement
2023-2024 District Calendar
Draft Minutes 12/6 & 12/13



School Committee Secretary



Date